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### Adult coed volleyball

Can you dig, set and spike? Start forming your teams and be ready to have a great recreational experience starting Aug. 27.

The cost is \$200 per team with all matches beginning at 5:30 p.m., at the Sierra Vista Middle School. There will be a league organizational meeting at 6:30 p.m.,Wednesday in the Oscar Yrun Community Center.

Register your team now at the OYCC, or online at [www.sportability.com](http://www.sportability.com). League must have a minimum of eight teams in order to be conducted.

### Adult flag football

The Adult Flag Football Program is scheduled to kick-off Sept. 22 at the Sierra Vista Middle School.

The cost for this gridiron fun is \$400 per team with the league limited to the first 10 teams registered. Registration starts Aug. 16 at the Oscar Yrun Community Center or online at [www.sportability.com](http://www.sportability.com).

Eight Man Flag Rules will be used with rosters not to exceed 16 players.

### Women's bowling league

The Huachuca Women's Bowling League will have an organizational meeting Aug. 28 at 9 a.m. at Desert Lanes. The league bowls each Tuesday at 9 a.m. and the membership in this league is unrestricted and open to all women in the area. Annual gate passes will be provided for those needing one.

If you are interested in joining a team or participating as a substitute, call Margaret at 378-2195.

### Trek Arizona

The Thunder Mountain Trekkers will meet at 7 p.m., Aug. 28 at Sulphur Springs Valley Electric Cooperative, 311 Wilcox, Sierra Vista.

The club's next scheduled event is Sept. 22 and is in conjunction with Fort Huachuca's Sports Branch, and will be 10 kilometer (6.2 mile) internationally sanctioned walk. The Start/Finish Point is La Hacienda Club, and start times are 7 a.m. to noon, finish by 3 p.m. Awards and IVV credit will be available.

If you have any questions, call Wendy or Dave Breen at 378-1763.

### Nature conservation

The Nature Conservancy's Ramsey Canyon Preserve is recruiting and training new volunteers for the next year.

Enthusiastic people are needed to assist with interpretation, retail, and restoration programs at the preserve.

Interviews for these volunteer positions are scheduled for August and training will take place in September.

For more information, call Lisa Naas at 378-4952.

### Brewery Gulch Daze

Want a day of family fun in a turn-of-the-century western town? Visit Old Bisbee for Brewery Gulch Daze on Sept. 2.

The festivities will be in Bisbee's notorious Brewery Gulch, once home to some 20 saloons.

Events will be happening all day beginning at 11 a.m., including a skateboard contest, pet parade, waterball tournament, chili cook-off, and the wild 'n woolly bed race. Also in the afternoon, the annual Miz Ole Biz beauty contest with its stunning beauties presents a parody of the Miss America Pageant.

There will be live music, a kiddie carnival, vendor booths, cake walks and a waiter/waitress contest. All proceeds from the event are donated to the Boys and Girls Club of Bisbee.

# Standing tall

## Local soldier earns spot on Army team, wins gold medal

By *Spc. Miguel Martinez*  
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Although she is only 5 feet, 4 inches, Spc. Trella Thomas stood tall as one of the seven women representing the Army, earning a spot on the service basketball team which won the gold medal in the Armed Forces Basketball Tournament at Quantico Marine Base in Virginia in April.

Thomas, the shortest woman on the team, outplayed five other women trying out for the guard position and made the team after unsuccessful tryouts the previous two years.

After practicing three times a day for two-to-three hours each session for two weeks, Thomas, a wire systems installer, currently working in the S1 shop of Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 504th Signal Battalion, finally achieved her dream of making the team.

"I felt like crying. I was happy that I made it," she said.

Although she could have given up on her goal after being cut in years past, Thomas said she just used that as motivation to push herself harder and make her want to reach the goal even more.

"This [time] coming back, I set everything aside and I was determined to make the team," she said.

Thomas said basketball has been her passion since she began playing in sixth grade, and since she first dribbled the ball, success has followed her onto court after court.

In high school she was named the most valuable player in several tournaments. Thomas was recruited by several colleges and played for Middle Tennessee State University where she was the team's defensive player of the year all four years.

After finishing her college hoops career, Thomas said she decided to join the Army and her coach in Korea immediately recognized her talent and put her application in for the All Army team trial camp, which she attended. Although her skill on the court was enough to get her on the team, fate guided her in a different direction the first two times she went to camp.

In 1999, Thomas left camp early to play with her team in Korea which made a historic run, finishing their season with a win in a tournament in Guam, capping an undefeated, 53-0 season and becoming the first team to win all three major overseas tournaments held each year.

At the 2000 trial camp, a groin injury in the second week again kept her off the final roster, but fueled her toward the 2001 tryouts.

Thomas said the injury had no bearing on her play and that she



Photo by Spc. Miguel Martinez

**At 5 feet, 4 inches, Spc. Trella Thomas stood tall as one of the seven women representing the Army in the Armed Forces Basketball Tournament**

played as hard and aggressive as she could.

Now, Thomas has her gold medal and the memories of striving for a goal and achieving it. And that is what she will always remember.

"It was so satisfying," she said.

People just need to set a goal, stick with it and don't give up, Thomas said.



## Soldier Show brings Broadway-style entertainment to Sierra Vista

By *Tanja M. Linton*  
*Media Relations Officer*

Sixteen of the Army's most talented soldiers bring a high-energy, Broadway-style music and dance production to Cochise Country for three performances.

The 2001 U.S. Army Soldier Show takes the stage at the Buena Performing Arts Center in Sierra Vista, Sept. 1 at 2 p.m., and Sept. 2 at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m.

Admission is free, but due to popular demand, audience members need to have tickets. Tickets are available at the MWR Box Office on Fort Huachuca and the Sierra Vista Safeway store.

The theme of this year's show is "One — in tune with the 'Army of One.'"

The U.S. Army Soldier Show is an 80-minute live Broadway-style musical review showcasing the talents of active duty soldiers who are selected by audition from throughout the Army.

They are amateur artists who have a passion for music, dance and performing. They are truck drivers, personnel specialists, medics, tank crew members, electronics repair specialists and infantry soldiers.

New cast members are selected each year.

Aspiring soldiers worldwide submit application packages that include videotapes, biographies, photographs, and letters of recommendation.

Soldiers must have an outstanding record in their units as well as demonstrate musicality, movement, stage presence, and versatility.

Soldier Show artistic staff, U.S. Army Community and Family Support Center directors, soldier peers, and selected senior Army leaders form an audition panel, screen all entries. There were more than 40 applications for the 2001 show.

Twenty-three finalists traveled to Fort Belvoir, Va., for live auditions on April 1. Sixteen made the final cut. Six audio and lighting technicians were chosen.

The Soldier Show operates as a deployable military detachment under the leadership of the Army Entertainment Division first sergeant.

Soldiers in the cast and crew are assigned specific military responsibilities and show duties commensurate with their rank in addition to their functions and responsibilities within the show.

The new cast and technical crew spend six weeks at Fort Belvoir, Va. in intensive rehearsal under the direction of a civilian artistic staff.

Twelve-hour days begin with a military for-



Army photos

**(Above) Soldier performers demonstrate their flexibility in choreography.**

**(At left) Soldiers showcase their talents in an 80-minute live Broadway-style musical review. Performers are selected by audition from throughout the Army. Soldiers must have an outstanding record in their units as well as demonstrate musicality, movement, stage presence and versatility.**

mation and include aerobic workouts, vocal coaching and dance training. Technical crew learn computer-based lighting and audio functions.

Once on the road, soldiers work an average 14-hour day, 7 days a week for 6 months. Totally self-contained, the cast and crew offload, load, set-up, and dismantle up to 15 tons of equipment at each stop on the tour.

Five military drivers assigned to the Army Entertainment Division rotate shifts driving a 44-passenger bus, an 18-wheel tractor-trailer, and a 15-passenger van.

The Soldier Show is not funded with taxpayer dollars, but with nonappropriated funds or "soldier dollars" generated from business programs of morale, welfare and recreation and with generous corporate sponsorships.

Today, the U.S. Army Soldier Show tours the continental United States and one overseas command each year. Between May 18 and Nov. 19, the cast and crew of this year's show will travel by bus and air to stage 113 performances in 22 states, the District of Columbia, Guam and the Republic of Korea.

For more information, call the MWR Box Office at 533-2404 or 1-888-921-4745.



# Actors, techs sought for MWR touring production

By David L. Barrette  
CFSC Public Affairs

ALEXANDRIA, Va. — There’s no business like show business, even if your main business is being a soldier.

The Army Morale, Welfare and Recreation Entertainment Division is recruiting soldiers for the cast and crew of BRAVO!, The Army Theatre Touring Company. The all-soldier theater troupe brings live theater to soldiers, their families and military communities all over the world.

All active duty and reserve component soldiers are eligible to apply for three male acting parts and two technical jobs. Applicants must have their commanders’ approval for a 179-day temporary duty assignment. Application deadline is Aug. 31

The theater production scheduled to tour between November 2001 and March 2002 is “The Complete Works of William Shakespeare (Abridged),” an English professor’s nightmare, in which three male actors play various Shakespearean roles of both sexes in a madcap, improvisational filled, energetic comedy. The actors race through all 37 of the Bard’s plays in just 90 minutes.

“The actors highlight the plays in a very loose interpretation of course, wherein lies the comedy,” said Tim Higdon, Army Entertainment Division producer. “Imagine Othello in a rap scene or Romeo and Juliet performed at high speed and then in reverse.”

Supporting the actors is a stage manager, who will be responsible for production decisions on the road and for props and costumes during the performance. The second crew member will serve as the lighting and audio engineer.

The inaugural BRAVO! tour, launched in December 2000, was “Play Ball,” an original theatrical montage of songs, skits, monologues and dance paying tribute to America’s

national pastime, baseball. The seven-member cast toured from December 2000 through March 2001, entertaining more than 5000 troops in eight countries, from the Balkans to Belgium, with a final performance in Washington D.C.’s Studio Theater.

Higdon said he is looking for soldiers who understand the

rigors of putting together, sustaining, and touring a production of this type. Soldiers need to submit an audition tape in addition to other paperwork.

“The audition tape should include a Shakespearean monologue, examples of dancing, singing, etc., and a scene from a previous production,” said Higdon.

Applications for all positions must include a technical or entertainment resume, VHS audition tape or technical portfolio, references, official 3/4 length Class A uniform photo, a copy of the most recent efficiency report, and the commander’s letter of release.

Selectees will travel to Fort Belvoir, Va. where they will rehearse Oct. 9-25 and open the show on Oct 26. They will tour the lower 48 states, Alaska, the Pacific and the Far East.

The show will also tour stateside installations that want to host a performance. Information detailing host requirements was sent to installations through major Army commands in July. The Complete Works can be staged at any installation with a minimum performance space measuring 24 feet by 24 feet with 10-foot ceilings.

Higdon strongly urged installations to include performances for Child and Youth Services and at community schools in their performance schedules, as BRAVO! is a program designed to bring live theater to all ages.

“BRAVO! is entertainment for the soldier, by the soldier,” said Higdon. “This program allows for the exposure and acknowledgement of our many Army soldier actors at the Department of the Army level.”

Mail audition packages and requests to host BRAVO! to Army Entertainment Division, Attention: Tim Higdon, P.O. Box 439, Fort Belvoir, VA. 22060. Application deadline is August 31. For additional information about the auditions, application process or to request a copy of hosting requirements, contact [tim.higdon@cfsc.army.mil](mailto:tim.higdon@cfsc.army.mil).

*(Editor’s note: The U.S. Army Community and Family Support Center is the headquarters Department of the Army agency responsible for Morale, Welfare and Recreation programs worldwide ranging from entertainment to sports to child care, youth and family support.)*

## Local theater company holds auditions

### Illegitimate Theater Company release

The Sierra Vista Illegitimate Theater Company will be holding auditions for its fall production “Murder at Midnight” on Monday and Tuesday, from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Thunder Mountain Community Church, 598 Myer Dr.

The play, written by Peter Hoar and directed by Clyde Wilkes, will be presented at the Ethel Berger Center on Oct. 5, 6, 7, 12 and 13. Cast requirements are five women and four men of various ages ranging from 20-something to 50ish.

The setting is the country estate of Celia Brent, former actress and singer, now a widow who has become a successful writer. Other characters are David Brent, her grown son; Kathy Moore, her secretary; Mario Moreno, her houseman; Mrs. Moreno, her housekeeper; Edward Hamilton, a country gentleman; Martha Hamilton, his wife; Susan Green, a young job seeker; and Inspector Langdon, officer in charge of the murder investigation.

Friendships are strained, suspicions point in several directions, motives are questioned and blackmail is attempted before the case is solved.

All interested individuals are encouraged to come to auditions not only to try out for a part, but to volunteer in all the varied aspects of a theatrical production — lights, sound, wardrobe, makeup, props, set construction, tickets, etc. For more information, call 459-3943.

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## Showings

### Swordfish

Aug. 1 at 7 p.m. — John Travolta, Hugh Jackman. Suspenseful action drama in which Gabriel Shear, a charismatic and dangerous CIA operative fed up with American bureaucracy, uses sexy associate, Ginger to coerce a computer hacker just released from prison, to steal \$9 billion from DEA slush fund. Rated R (violence, language and some sexual/nudity). 97 Min.

### Atlantis: The Lost Empire

Aug. 2 at 7 p.m. — Animated. Milo Thatch dreams of completing the quest begun by his late grandfather. When a long lost journal surfaces, providing new clues to the location, the action shifts into high gear. Milo leads Commander Rourke and his team to the elusive undersea kingdom, but what they find there defies their expectations. Rated PG (Action violence). 96 Min.

### Dr. Doolittle 2

Aug. 3 and 8 at 7 p.m. and Aug. 5 at 2 p.m. — Eddie Murphy, Kevin Pollack. Dr. Dolittle’s animal friends want more than office visits. They want to save their forest from unscrupulous human developers. Dolittle and company gives the money-hungry land-grabbers a taste of real bargaining power wilderness style. Rated PG (Language and crude humor). 88 Min.

### The Fast and Furious

Aug. 4, 5 and 9 at 7 p.m. — Vin Diesel, Paul Walker. Domenic is the leader of a street gang that race Japanese cars. He is under suspicion of stealing expensive electronic equipment. An undercover police officer attempts to find the person responsible for stealing the equipment, and winds up falling for Domenic’s younger sister. Rated PG-13 (Violence, sexual content and language). 107 Min.

### Crazy Beautiful

Aug. 10 and 15 at 7 p.m. — Kristen Dunst, Jay Hernandez. Rated PG- 13 (Mature thematic material involving teens, drug/alcohol content, sexuality and language). 95 Min.

### Baby Boy

Aug. 11 and 16 at 7 p.m. — Tyrese Gibson, Omar Gooding. Rated R (Strong sexuality, language, violence and some drug use). 130 Min.

### Memento

Aug. 12 at 7 p.m. — Guy Pearce, Carrie-Anne Moss. Rated R (Violence, language and some drug content). 116 Min.

### A.I. Artificial Intelligence

Aug. 12 at 7 p.m. — Haley Joel Osment, William Hurt. Rated PG-13 (Some sexual content and violent images). 146 Min.

### Lara Croft: Tomb Raider

Aug. 18, 19 and 23 at 7 p.m. — Angelina Jolie, Jon Voight. Rated PG-13 (Violence, sensuality and action). 96 Min.

### Cats and Dogs

Aug. 24 and 29 at 7 p.m. — Jeff Goldblum, Elizabeth Perkins. Rated PG (Animal action and humor). 87 Min.

### Kiss the Dragon

Aug. 25 and 30 at 7 p.m. — Jet Li, Bridget Fonda. Rated R (Strong violence, language, some sexuality and drug content). 98 Min.

### Final Fantasy: The Spirit Within

Aug. 31 at 7 p.m. — Computer Generated Human Characters. Rated PG-13 (Sci-fi action violence). 106 Min.

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